



Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

International Programs Department

FINAL REPORT

Mission: Cambodia Site: Phnom Penh

Year: 2006

Coordinator: Carey Hogg

On March 8, 2006, Operation Smile returned to the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for its fifth international mission since 2001. A passionate and devoted team of volunteers spent two weeks providing free surgery to 133 patients with facial and other physical deformities, changing the lives of many Cambodian children and their families.

International team members worked side-by-side with Cambodian volunteers to form a unified entity. In total, there were forty eight international volunteers that participated on the mission. Team members from America represented fourteen different states, while the international team was composed of volunteers who hailed from eight different nations including the United States, Venezuela, Canada, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Singapore, Brazil and the Philippines. The international volunteers fused seamlessly with their Cambodian counterparts in order to provide the highest standard of medical care while representing Operation Smile.

On the first two days of the mission, the team was able to screen 351 children and adults, providing each individual with a complete physical evaluation. In terms of patient population, this marks the largest screening turnout that Operation Smile Cambodia has ever had; signifying a greater amount of effort and importance on patient population reach out as well as the development of valuable in country relationships stewarded by the foundation.

Every Operation Smile medical mission is amazing because it brings a diverse group of people together who unite to change the lives of children with facial deformities. Team Cambodia 2006 was led by Plastic Surgery Team Leader Benny Herbosa from the Philippines, Anesthesia Team Leader Judith Brill from California, Ped Intensivist Dea Iani from Brazil, and Clinical Coordinator Debi Smith, also from the US. Other stand out volunteers included the speech therapist, Alice Smith, who has participated in the Cambodian mission for a number of years. Alice continued to be an integral asset to the team, working with each patient's linguistic development and therefore enhancing Operation Smile's approach to providing each child with holistic care. Following in the tradition of previous missions, all the volunteers worked tirelessly to make the 2006 mission an overwhelming success and a truly collaborative effort.

Furthermore, this mission was made possible through the help of a number of individuals and sponsors who gave selflessly of their time and resources during the mission and in the many months leading up to it. Under the guidance of Gary Loh, First Alverstone Capital Ltd. served as the title sponsor for mission. Mr. Loh should be recognized for his continued support and generosity. Mobitel followed and provided a sizeable donation to serve as the lead in country sponsor. Significant support and guidance was also received from Mr. Chan Kok Choy and Vattanac Bank.

Other notable contributions included HRH Princess Rattana Devi, the Ministry of Health, Ambassador Joseph A. Mussomeli and the Embassy of the United States of America, Chris Hilleary, California II Café, comin khmere, I Ching Décor Co. Ltd., Himawari Hotel & Apartments, Korean Airline Foreign Pilots Association, LDS, Lucky Market Group, Northbridge International School, Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Triodos Bank, and the Women's International Group of Cambodia. Together we create smiles, change lives, and heal humanity.

Statistics

Cases

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| Total Number of Patients Screened | 351 |
| Total Number of Complete Physical Exams | 351 |
| Total Number of Dental Exams | 351 |
| Total Number of Obturators Made | 8 |
| <u>Number of Tooth Extractions</u> | 113 |
| Total Number of Patients Operated On | 133 |
| Total Number of Surgical Procedures | 139 |

Patient Numbers by sex and age

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| Female | 60 |
| Male | 73 |
| 0 – 5 Years of Age | 60 |
| 6 – 12 Years of Age | 32 |
| 13 – 18 Years of Age | 16 |
| 19 – 25 Years of Age | 19 |
| 26 Years of Age and Older | 6 |

Types of Surgeries Conducted

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| Unilateral Lip Repair: | 67 |
| Bilateral Lip Repair: | 16 |
| Lip Scar Revision: | 11 |
| Other Lip Repair: | 0 |
| Primary Palate Repair: | 21 |
| Palatal Revision: | 0 |

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| Orticochea: | 0 |
| Pharyngeal Flap: | 0 |
| Vomer/ Nasal Flap: | 0 |
| Other Palate Repair: | 0 |
| Fistula Repair: | 10 |
| Unilateral Nose Repair: | 9 |
| Bilateral Nose Repair: | 0 |
| Cartilage Graph: | 0 |
| Repair of Septum Def: | 0 |
| Rhinoplasty: | 0 |
| Other Nose: | 0 |
| Contract. Release w/ FTSG: | 0 |
| Contract. Release w/ SSG: | 0 |
| Contract. Release w/Z-Plasty: | 2 |
| Craniofacial: | 0 |
| Excision Tumor/Mole/Cyst: | 0 |
| Frenulectomy: | 0 |
| Hemangioma: | 0 |
| Otoplasty: | 0 |
| Ptosis Repair: | 0 |
| Poly/Syndactyly Repair: | 1 |
| Scar Excision w/ FTSG: | 1 |
| Scar Excision w/ SSG: | 1 |
| Scar Excision w/Z-Plasty: | 0 |
| Scar Injection: | 0 |